

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A mask comprising:
  - a translucent substrate;
  - one or more three-dimensional features comprising one or more vertical sidewalls;
    - an absorbing material deposited upon one or more of the vertical sidewalls so that light in an incident direction to an upper surface of the substrate will be absorbed by the absorbing material, resulting in light blocking features; and
    - one or more horizontal surfaces, formed upon one or more of the three-dimensional features, that allow light rays to exit a lower surface of the substrate unobstructed by the absorbing material.
2. (Original) The mask of claim 1, the translucent substrate comprising silicon dioxide.
3. (Original) The mask of claim 1, the translucent substrate being quartz.
4. (Original) The mask of claim 1, the absorbing material comprising SiON.
5. (Original) The mask of claim 1, the absorbing material comprising Si – rich nitride.
6. (Original) The mask of claim 1, the absorbing material comprising Si – rich oxide.

7. (Original) The mask of claim 1, the absorbing material comprising SiOCN.
  8. (Original) The mask of claim 1, the absorbing material comprising TiN.
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